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REMARKS

New independent claim 21, and claims 2-14, 17-20, 22 and 23 depended from new independent claim 21 remain in this application for examination.

Applicant sincerely appreciates the allowance of the subject matter of claim 16. New claim 22 includes the concepts initially recited in claim 16 with the exception of the "tertiary filter", which is now recited in new dependent claim 22.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 2-8, 12-15, 17 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wade '612 in view of Ruey-Jang et al. '541. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Neither Wade or Ruey-Jang et al. recite the following limitation which originally appeared in allowable claim 16:

at least one of the primary filter and the secondary filter has a peaked portion and downwardly extending portions whereby particles caught by the filters may be washed to the sides of the filters to minimize restriction of where the water flows through the filters.

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to Applicant's Fig. 5 and the discussion accompanying Fig. 5 discussed at page 5, lines 19-35, wherein at least the primary filter 40 or the secondary filter 45 has a peak 41 or 46 so that there are downwardly sloping portions 42 and 43 and/or downwardly sloping portions 47 and 45 that wash particles to the sides of the filter so as to minimize water flow through the filter. Original allowable claim 16 was depended from claim 1 and claim 15. It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of original claim 16 is allowable without the recitation of a tertiary filter of original claim 15 in that the prior art does not show peaked primary or secondary filters.

New claim 23 recites that both the primary and secondary filters have peaks and downwardly extending portions.

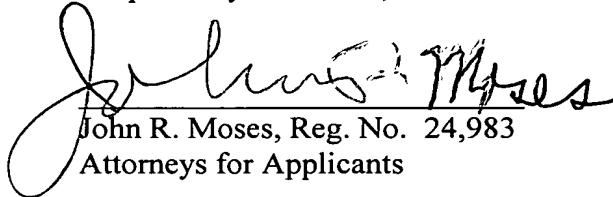
In that this is a full and complete response to the Office Action June 2, 2005, and as such places this application in condition for allowance. Such allowance is hereby respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a personal conference with Applicants' attorneys might

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expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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